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Client Reference No. C 5032 - R/Bi

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of:
PCT/EP00/07933

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Application No.: Not yet assigned

Filed: Herewith

For: METHOD OF TREATING A LIVING
ORGANISM TO ACHIEVE A HEART
LOAD REDUCTION, AND APPARATUS
FOR CARRYING OUT OF THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
February 20, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Attached hereto is a copy of the international application consisting of pages 1-76 and 18 sheets of drawings, all of which except for pages 75 and 76 are stamped "Substitute Sheet (Rule 26)."

The specification (pages 1-65) and all sheets of drawings are as originally filed and they have not been revised or amended. The "Substitute Sheet (Rule 26)" legend is in error.

Pages 66 through 76 are Substitute Sheets and contain claims 1-42 (which were substituted for original claims 1-7, now cancelled).